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Proposed Terms of Reference for the ad hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

I. Composition

The Working Group should consist of one representative from each member of the Security Council. It should be entirely informal in nature.

II. Chairmanship

The Chairman of the Working Group will be designated by members of the Security Council for a period of one year. The Chairman of the Group will be Ambassador Jagdish Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations.

III. Mandate

(i) To monitor the implementation of recommendations contained in the presidential statement S/PRST/2002/2 and previous presidential statements and resolutions regarding conflict prevention and resolution in Africa.

(ii) To propose recommendations on the enhancement of cooperation between the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council as well as with other United Nations agencies dealing with Africa.

(iii) To examine, in particular, regional and cross-conflict issues that affect the Council's work on African conflict prevention and resolution.

(iv) To propose recommendations to the Security Council to enhance cooperation in conflict prevention and resolution, between the United Nations and regional (OAU) and subregional organizations.

IV. Methods of work

(i) The Working Group will hold informal meetings.

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(ii) Decisions will be taken by consensus.

(iii) The Chairman of the Working Group will report to the Council whenever appropriate.

(iv) The Security Council will conduct a review of the progress of the work of the Working Group against its mandate not later than six months from its establishment.

V. Duration

In the light of the review in paragraph IV, (iv) above, the Security Council will decide on the mandate of the Working Group.